



January 8, 2002

Examiner Elmore,

Further to our teleconference yesterday (01/07/02) concerning application serial number 08/994,363, please consider the following amendments to independent claims 1, 6, 11, and 16.

Please contact me this afternoon at (202) 887-5555 to discuss.

Respectfully,

Lalos and Keegan

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